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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Estimates Staff, ONE

ATTENTION

THROUGH

: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM

: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT

: Chicom Arsenal Study - Harbin, China

REFERENCES

- (1) ONE Requirement No. C-D19-82,307
- (2) CIA/PID Project No. 30348-5

1. This memorandum is forwarded in answer to the above mentioned requirement which requested a comparative study, to include the level of production and status of construction that has taken place since the previous study of the arsenals located at Harbin, China.

2. Following is the information requested for each of the arsenals:

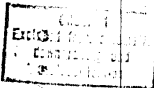
Plant Name: Harbin Plant No. 674
Location: Harbin, China
Coordinates: 45 47N - 126 43E

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Attachments: Annotated enlargement with overlay (CIA/PID/IB-P-147/65)

Level of Production Activity:

The plant appeared to be more active than when observed in June 1962. The steam plant was in operation and steam could be seen east and west of the coal storage area. Two possible foundry buildings



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appeared to be masked by smoke and haze. A large plume of steam was seen in the middle of the plant, at a point coinciding with a rail line. The location and volume of steam suggested a locomotive in operation.

Level of Construction Activity:

The large building observed in an arrested state of construction in June 1962 was completed. It appears to be a heavy fabrication building capable of handling very heavy equipment. Four storage/support buildings and additions to a machine shop and support building were also constructed since June 1962. (All additions are annotated in solid red on the overlay attached to CIA/PID/IB-P-149/65).

A new storage area was cleared in the northern part of the plant and was filled with unidentified material. (See CIA/PID/IB-P-147/65)

- b. Plant Name: Unidentified Plant No.
Location: Harbin, China
Coordinates: 45 49N - 126 43E

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Level of Production Activity:

A great deal of steam was observed at the steam plant. In addition, a grey haze covered the area over the steam plant and nearby shops. The source of the haze was not determined. No traffic was observed, but the scale and quality of the photography was such that vehicular traffic could have gone unnoticed.

Level of Construction Activity:

There was little construction since last reported. An additional monitor was constructed on the roof of the large machine shop in the southeastern part of the plant. Two small buildings, one of which is revetted, were also built since June 1962.

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c. Plant Name: Unidentified Plant No. 2
Location: Harbin, China
Coordinates: 45 49N - 126 43E

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Level of Production Activity:

The level of production appears to be quite low. A whisp of steam was observed at the steam plant, but no other indications of plant activity were apparent.

Level of Construction Activity:

A water tower and possible pump house were constructed west of the main fabrication buildings. Five multiple family houses were added to the housing area adjacent to the plant. No other construction was observed.

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Enclosure:

- 1 Annotated Enlargement w/Overlay
CIA/PID/IB-P-147/65

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